ARTICLES EXHIBITED IN PARLIAMENT AGAINST 3 WILLIAM ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1641.

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Articles of the Commons assembled in Parliament, in maintenance of the accuſation whereby *WILLIAM LAUD* Arch-Biſhop of Canterbury, ſtands charged with high Treaſon.

I

THat the ſaid *William Laud*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, hath traiterouſly laboured to ſubvert the fundamentall Lawes and Government of the Kingdome, by giving his Majeſtie advice privately, and at Councell Table, High Commiſſion, and in other places ſaid, that he would have them governed by civill Lawes, and further ſaid, he would make the proudeſt ſubject in the Kingdome to give way to him; and being told it was againſt Law, he replied he would make it Law, and that the King might at his own pleaſure take away without Law, and make it warrantable by Gods Law.

II.

His countenancing of Books and their Authours for the maintenance of his unlimited and abſolute

power, wherein the power of the Parliament is denied and the Bishops power of Prelacie set up.

III.

That he traiterously went about to interrupt the Iudges by his threatnings, and other meanes to constrain them to give false Iudgement in the case of Ship-money as will appeare both by writtings, and his hand, by testimony of divers persons of good worth and quality.

IV.

That he hath taken bribes, and sold justice in the high Commission Court, as Archbishop, and hath not only corrupted the Iudges there, but hath also sold Iudicious places to be corrupted.

V.

That hee hath endeavoured the encroachment of jurisdiction and institution of Canons, which are not only unlaw full, but prejudiciall to the subject; and that hee hath exercised his authority very cruelly, both as a Chancellour, Commissioner, and Iudge.

VI.

That he hath traiterously assumed a capitall power over his Majesties subjects, denying his power of prelacie as from the King.

VII.

That by false erronious doctrines, and other sinister wayes and meanes, he went about to subvert Religion established in this Kingdome, and to set up papistry

Papiſtry and ſuperſtition in the Church.

VIII.

That by undue meanes and practiſes he hath gotten into his hands the power of nominating of Miniſters to ſpirituall promotions, and hath preferred none but ſcandalous Miniſters thereunto, and hath preferred corrupt Chaplains to his Majeſtie.

IX.

That his own Miniſters, as *Heywoode*, *Leyfield* and others, are notoriouſly diſ-affected to Religion.

X.

That he hath endeavoured to reconcile us to the Church of Rome, and to that end hath employed a Ieſuite and a Papiſt, and hath wrought with the Popes Agent in ſeverall points.

XI.

That to ſuppreſſe preaching, hee hath ſuſpended divers good men, and hath uſed unlawfull meanes, by Letters, and otherwiſe, to ſeverall Biſhops to ſuppreſſe them.

XII.

That hee hath traiterouſly endeavoured to ſuppreſſe the French Religion here amongſt us, which is the ſame that we are of; and the Dutch Church, and to ſet diviſion between them and us.

XIII.

That hee hath traiterouſly endeavoured to ſet diviſion betweene the King and the ſubjects and hath

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gone about to bring in Innovations into the Church, and hath induced the King to warre with the Scots, and many upon their death beds to give towards the maintenance of the warre; and hath cauſed the Clergie to give freely towards the ſame. And hath brought in many ſuperſtitions and Innovations into the Church of *Scotland*, And that he procured the King to break the pacification; whereby to cauſe a bloudy warre between the two Kingdomes.

XIV.

That to preſerve himſelfe from beeing queſtioned for theſe and other his traiterous deſignes, from the firſt year of his Majeſties reigne till now, he hath laboured to ſubvert the rites of Parliamentary proceedings, and to incenſe his Majeſtie againſt Parliaments.

By all which Words, Councels and Actions hee hath traiterouſly laboured to alienate the hearts of the Kings liege people from his Majeſtie, to ſet diviſion betweene them and to ruine and deſtroy his Majeſties Kingdomes, for which they impeach him of High Treaſon againſt our Soveraigne Lord the King, his Crowne and Dignity.

And the ſaid Commons by Proteſtations, ſaving to themſelves the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter, any other accuſation or impeachment againſt the ſaid *William Laud* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and alſo of replying to the anſweres that hee the ſaid Archbiſhop

Archbiſhop ſhall make unto the ſaid Articles or to a-
ny of them; and of offering proofes alſo of the pre-
miſſes, or any of them, or any other impeachment or
accuſation that ſhall bee exhibited by them, as the
cauſe ſhall, according to the courſe of Parliaments
require, do pray that he the ſaid *William Laud* Arch-
biſhop of *Canterbury* may be put ſpeedily to anſwere
for all and every the Premiſſes that ſuch proceed-
dings, Examinations, Trials, and Iudgements, may
be upon every of them had and uſed as is agreeable
to Law and Iuſtice.

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Epitaph upon Thomas Wentwoth
Earle of Strafford who was sentenced
by parliat upon Impeachmt 1641

Here Lys wise & valiant Dust
Hudl'd up 'twext fitt & Just
Straffoord who was hurryed Hence
'twext Treason & Conbenience
He spent his time Here in a mist
a papist yet a Calbinist
His prince's nearest Joy & Greif
he had, yet wanted a Relief
propt & Rouin of the state
The people violent Lobe & heate
on in Extremes, Lobed abhord
Ridles Ly here both in one word
Here Lys Blood & Lett it Ly
Speechless still & neber Cry

+ Gibe Loude to the Lord
and Lawd to the Dibell
Gibe Galloway tom' a Coard
& Cudgell Crightown well

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